PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT dated April 5, 2005 Serial No. 10/812,581

## REMARKS

By this Amendment, the specification has been amended to add reference to a statement of Government Sponsored Research. Currently, claims 1-12 are pending in this application.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the amendments or these remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If any fees are due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502246 (Ref: NN-16628).

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